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IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

GOP continues to defend president

Trump's legal team focuses on Ukraine corruption, Bidens

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators faced mounting pressure Monday to summon John Bolton to testify at President Donald Trump's impeachment trial even as Trump's lawyers brushed past extraordinary new allegations from Trump's former national security adviser and focused instead on corruption in Ukraine and historical arguments for acquittal.

Outside the Senate chamber, Republicans grappled with claims in a

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Impeachment trial receives a jolt from former national security adviser John Bolton's book. **Page A4**

forthcoming book from Bolton that undercut a key defense argument — that Trump never tied withholding military aid to Ukraine to his demand that the country help investigate political rival Joe Biden.

The revelation clouded White House hopes for a swift end to the impeachment trial, fueling Democratic demands for witnesses and

possibly pushing more moderate Republican lawmakers toward such testimony.

It also distracted from hours of arguments from the Trump legal team, who declared anew that no witness has testified to direct knowledge that Trump's delivery of aid was contingent on investigations into Democrats, though Bolton appeared poised to say exactly that if called on by the Senate to appear.

"We deal with transcript evidence, we deal with publicly available information," attorney Jay Sekulow said.

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SENATE TELEVISION

Ken Starr, an attorney for President Donald Trump, bemoaned Monday what he said was an "age of impeachment."

UCONN WOMEN VS. TEAM USA EXHIBITION



UCONN GREATS RETURN HOME

BY ALEX PUTTERMAN

In 25 years of UConn women's basketball dominance, there had never been a night quite like Monday at the XL Center.

Four Huskies greats — Sue Bird, Breanna Stewart, Tina Charles and Katie Lou Samuelson — played for Team USA in an exhibition against the current UConn team. A fifth, Diana Taurasi, watched from the national team bench. Maya Moore, Renee Montgomery, Kalana Greene, Tiffany Hayes and others appeared pregame to celebrate the 2009 and 2010 title teams.

The home crowd cheered not only for the current Huskies but also for the returning icons in Team USA's 79-64 victory.

The night featured tributes to

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the late Kobe and Gianna Bryant. After a pregame moment of silence, Team USA accepted an eight-second violation and UConn took a 24-second violation, honoring the two numbers Kobe wore during his NBA career.



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TOP: UConn forward Olivia Nelson-Ododa is smothered by Team USA forwards Breanna Stewart, center, and Nneka Ogumwike in an exhibition game at the XL Center on Monday night. Team USA won the game 79-64.

ABOVE: A spot on the UConn bench honored Gianna Bryant during Monday night's exhibition game versus Team USA at the XL Center.

Sandy Hook denier arrested

Florida man accused of publishing info of victim's family

BY DAVE ALTIMARI

A Florida man who is the ringleader of a group that has hounded the families of victims of the Sandy Hook school shooting was arrested early Monday morning by sheriffs and charged with unlawful possession of personal identification of another person.



Halbig

Wolfgang Halbig has spent years trying to show the shooting was a hoax and that the 20 children who died were actually actors — as recently as the last few weeks he posted photos of children that he claimed were actually current photos of the victims. Halbig was arrested at 1:39 a.m. at his Sorrento, Florida, home, according to the police report.

The 73-year-old posted a \$5,000 cash bond and is due back in court on Feb. 24. A complaint against Halbig was filed by Leonard Pozner, whose 6-year-old son Noah was among the children killed at Sandy Hook.

Halbig is accused of publishing and circulating Pozner's personal information, including his social security number and home address. Pozner has moved several times since leaving Connecticut after the shooting.

Halbig is also a defendant in the civil lawsuit filed by Sandy Hook victims families against Alex Jones, the host of the Infowars internet radio program.

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DMV adds gender option for licenses

State now allows drivers to select non-binary

BY ELIZA FAWCETT

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles now offers residents a non-binary gender designation on drivers' licenses and identification cards, joining at least a dozen other states.

The policy, which went into effect Monday, allows residents to select their gender designation, choosing between female (F), male (M) and

non-binary (X). A new form, which allows applicants to update the gender designation on their current driver's license or identification card, does not require medical documentation.

"We felt that as a state and as a DMV this was important, because it's all about inclusion, acceptance and respecting our customers who need to obtain identification that accurately reflects who they are," said DMV Deputy Commissioner Tony Guerrera.

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Trooper charged

Gregory Smith, 43, a state police trooper who was arrested last summer after police said he put a woman in a headlock and threatened her with a gun, has again been arrested, this time for repeatedly contacting a victim, police said Monday. Smith, turned himself in Friday on two new charges of violation of a protective order, Southington police said. He was released on \$100,000 bond and appeared in Superior Court in New Britain Monday. **Connecticut, Page B1**

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